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VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Honorable Vernon A. Williams **Surface Transportation Board** 395 E. Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re:

Finance Docket No. 35045 - Amendment To Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company and Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35046 - Amendment To Trackage Rights Agreement between 219950

Duluth, Winning and Pacific Poilson Communications of the Poilson Communication Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35047 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Missabe 21995/ and Iron Range Railway Company and Wisconsin Control Vision

Finance Docket No. 34048 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company and Wisconsin Control I 1

Finance Docket No. 35049 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Wisconsin Central 2/9/57
Ltd. and Duluth. Missabe and Iron Borro Borro Ltd. and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35050 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Wisconsin Central 2/9754
Ltd. and Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Pailway Comment

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of a Motion to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance. A disk containing the caption summary is enclosed.

Honorable Vernon A. Williams August 6, 2007 p. 2

I have included an extra copy of this transmittal letter and request that you date stamp this to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding this filing. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey

cc: Dan Elliott

Enclosures

BFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD WASHINGTON, DC 20423

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MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE

Respectfully submitted,

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COMES NOW Wisconsin Central Ltd., Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway

Company, and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (collectively "CN"), and

request that the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") hold in abeyance for a period of sixty

(60) days any further proceedings on the Petitions to Revoke Exemptions (collectively

"Petitions") filed by United Transportation Union ("UTU") in the six referenced dockets. CN

and UTU have agreed to attempt to amicably resolve the issues raised in UTU's Petitions, in lieu

of seeking agency resolution at this time. UTU's counsel has reviewed this Motion and has

granted the undersigned counsel authority to indicate UTU's concurrence with same.

In furtherance of this Motion, CN states as follows:

1. On June 14, 2007, CN filed Notices of Exemption governing six separate trackage rights agreements among several rail carriers owned and controlled by Canadian National Railway Company. Concurrently, CN filed a Motion for Protective Order in each docket. The Motions for Protective Order were granted by orders dated June 28, 2007, and each of the

exemptions became effective on July 14, 2007.

2. On July 23, 2007, UTU filed the Petitions, seeking to have the six exemptions

revoked on the allegation that the sole purpose of the exemptions was to circumvent existing

collective bargaining agreements.

3. Subsequent to the filing of the Petitions, CN and UTU have engaged in

discussions regarding the implementation of the authority granted in the exemptions, and believe

that the parties might resolve UTU's concerns through negotiation. Therefore, CN requests that

the STB hold consideration of UTU's Petitions in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days while

the parties attempt to achieve a negotiated resolution of the issues raised in the Petitions.

4. Counsel for UTU has reviewed this Motion and has granted the undersigned

counsel authority to indicate UTU's concurrence with same.

WHEREFORE, Wisconsin Central Ltd., Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway

Company, and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company respectfully request that the

STB hold consideration of UTU's Petitions in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days while CN

and UTU attempt to negotiate a resolution of UTU's concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: Aug

August 6, 2007

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas J. Healey, hereby certify that on this 6th day of August, 2007, copies of the foregoing Motion To Hold Proceeding In Abeyance have been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by more expeditious means of delivery upon all parties of record to this proceeding identified on the Surface Transportation Board's website.

Thomas J. Healey

Attorney for

Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company